

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named  
Inventor : Zine-Eddine Boutaghou et al.

Filed : Herewith

For : AAB HAVING CAVITIES FOR  
INCREASING CONTACT STIFFNESS  
AND CONTROLLING SUCTION  
CENTER MOVEMENT

Docket No.: S01.12-0726

Group Art Unit: ---

Examiner: ---

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Express Mail No. EL844348737US**

**Date of Deposit: July 27, 2001**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action, it is respectfully  
requested that the following amendments be made.

IN THE TITLE

Please cancel the title and replace with "AAB HAVING  
CAVITIES FOR INCREASING CONTACT STIFFNESS AND CONTROLLING SUCTION  
CENTER MOVEMENT"

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to the first Official Action and prior to calculating the fees for the application.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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